

REGULAR EVENTS

Friday General Meeting: 7:00 P.M., 1st Friday of Month, at 1715 S. 8th,
Jan. 7: (old Post Office bldg.) Turn south at Hulman and 8th. Talk-in:
146.685 RPT; (PL 151.4 MHz). Park in back or side of building.

The Board meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.
Our meetings are open. Visitors are welcome!

Every The Club Station is open, 7 - 9 P.M., First Thursday, Downstairs,
Thursday: Red Cross Bldg., 700 S. 3rd. Other Thursdays, New Club Station,
N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking back of Bldg.



THE

BANDSPREAD

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SPECIAL EVENTS



CAARLA Christmas Party, Saratoga, 11 A.M. Jan 8
Bring a \$5 gift.

QCWA Meeting, Pizza City, Noon to eat,
12:30 P.M. Mtg. Jan 8

Brentlinger Award Deadline Midnight, Jan 15

Statewide RACES Test Jan 15

JANUARY 2011



IF IT'S DECEMBER, IT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!

The annual WVARA Christmas Party was held December 3 at the World Gospel Church in Terre Haute. As usual, the food was good as was the turnout, although a few notable names were not present due to health concerns.

The dirty gift exchange was held again and this year, the item to *have* was not a teddy bear but 'the *stripper*'!

We had a band again this year featuring Jeff, AB9WR, on the keyboard, Steve, KC9RBU on drums and Cheryl Ridge, vocalist.

And as usual, a very good time was had by all. [-See photos, beginning p. 5.]

Brentlinger Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2011 Brentlinger Award are now being accepted.

Each year a secret committee, appointed by the president, convenes around the middle of January to review all nomination letters received by the January 15 deadline. They weigh the accomplishments of the nominees as stated in the letters. They also consider the number of letters written for a given nominee (unless they all say the same thing). Petitions are considered as one single letter since only one person actually felt strongly enough to sit down and write the letter. Letters detailing the person's accomplishment(s) are given much more weight than a simple "I think he deserves the award" kind of letter.

The nominee doesn't have to be a WVARA member and the listed accomplishment(s) can be for the previous year or for continued service over a period of years.

When you're satisfied, mail it to P.O. Box 10081 Terre Haute, IN 47801 or hand it to a board member. Please remember to write "Brentlinger Nomination" in the lower left corner of the *envelope*, so no one but the committee will open it. The president will collect these letters, still sealed, and forward them to the secret committee who will make



the final decision. Then comes the best part.

Sometime in the middle of March the Club will get together at some eating location for the Brentlinger Award dinner and the award will probably be given! We say 'probably' because the committee reserves the right to determine that none of the nominees deserves the award that year, but this has very seldom been the case. In either event, we get to do what we do best... *eat*!

By the way, if you have written nomination letters in previous years and your nominee was not selected, we invite you to submit it again. Don't underestimate the power of persistence!

In any case, don't forget, the deadline for receipt of the nomination letters is midnight, January 15, 2011. -ed.

This Month's Program

Again this year, it's the annual Check-Ur-Rig night. Bring your rig in. Working, they'll check it out for optimum operation. Broken, they probably can't fix it, but they very well may be able to tell you what's wrong. And, it's FREE!

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association 2011 Board of Directors



L-R Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary; Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee and Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Member at Large.

The election was held at the regular December Club meeting. There being no volunteers for the positions except those presented by the Nominations Committee, a motion passed to accept the candidates above by acclamation.

An open election will be held at the January meeting to permanently fill these two positions. Any eligible member is welcome to run.

Note time change below! Also, stay tuned for the date of the next ARES net!

Local Nets

Sunday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET
WVARA Net 146.685/R *

Monday Evening 8:30 P.M. ET
Vigo Co. Em. Svs. Net 146.685/R

Monday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET
Clay Co. Em. Svs. Net 146.580/S

Tuesday Evening 8:00 P.M. ET
Parke Co. Em. Svs. Net 146.715/R

Wednesday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET
Clark Co. Em. Svs. Net 146.595/S

Thursday Evening 9:00 P.M. ET
CAARLA Net 146.685/R
Illiana Skywarn Severe 145.230/R
WX Net Whenever needed

* First Sunday of the month is Simplex night. The WVARA Net meets, that night only, on 146.595/S



General Meeting Minutes 12/03/2010

The General Meeting of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association was called to order by President Kevin Berlen, K9HX, at 7:00 P.M. EST. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Procarione, W9COD. Those having upgraded their license were Pam Andrews, K9JMA and Paul Lafferty N9JZD. Kevin announced he and Donetta are grandparents again. Heather and Cody have a daughter Alexandra Rose born November 29, 2010. **Announcements:** (1) The Annual Christmas Party will be tomorrow evening at World Gospel Church. We'll gather at 6:30 and eat at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Participation is not mandatory. (2) CAARLA will meet before the Christmas Party to elect officers. (3) QCWA will meet on the second Saturday in January at Pizza City. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report will stand as printed in *The Bandspread*. **Treasurer's Report:** Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer, requested his report showing a balance of \$9,609.53 in all accounts be accepted. Ken Hauptli, W9VDK, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** The Club was out-bid on the building at 4th and Farrington. The Club will continue to look for a facility. **New Business:** Election of Officers: Gary Wheeler, K9ERE, presented the slate of candidates for 2011: Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President; Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Vice President; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, Treasurer; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary and Gary Adams, W9EEU, Trustee. Chuck moved nominations be closed and Bob Fredrichs, KB9PTM, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Since there were no challengers to the slate of candidates, Dave Pifer, N9YNF, moved to suspend the by-laws which requires a secret ballot. Ron Young, AB9GI, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ray Andrews, K9DUR, moved the slate be accepted by acclamation. Bob Fredrichs, KB9PTM, seconded the motion. Motion carried. During the break, Dominick Iacobazzi, KA9RDK, won the half pot. Kevin, K9HX, presented a program on the Indiana 800 MHz public service radio system.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 12/03/2010

The WVARA Board met on Friday, December 3, 2010, at 9:12 P.M. Members present were Kevin Berlen, K9HX, President, Nick Vinardi, N9WG, Treasurer and Vice President elect; Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, visitor and Treasurer Elect; John Van Sandt, N9YRX, visitor and Secretary Elect; Gary Adams, W9EEU, Past President and Trustee Elect; Chuck Procarione, W9COD, Vice President and Member at Large temporary appointee; Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL, Member at Large and temporary Member at Large Appointee and David Pifer, Trustee. The Secretary's Report was approved as printed. The Treasurer's Report was presented in the form of a motion by Nick with a total of \$9,609.53 in all accounts. Dave Pifer, N9YNF, seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Old Business:** (1) There was nothing new to report

on the repeater upgrade. (2) Club Station #2 still has an antenna situation that needs to be dealt with and a rotator problem at Club station #1. (3) Kevin reported that the Parke County Digi is on the air. (4) It was noted that the bid on the building at 4th and Farrington was not successful. The quest continues. (5) The meeting schedule for 2011 will include Check your Rig Night for January; Packet and Digi by John Van Sandt, N9YRX and Ted Brentlinger, K9SGL for February and Budget and Fox Hunting by Dave Pifer, N9YNF for March. The rest of the schedule will be decided at a later date. (6) The Capital Projects Fund now has a total of \$2,000.00. (7) Nick Vinardi reported he's had no success in contacting the person at the National Guard responsible for scheduling the buildings use. Ray Andrews, K9DUR, will go by the Guard this week to try to make contact. (8) There is nothing new to report on the K9 Team.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bette Young, KC9GWT, Outgoing Secretary

New Business: (1) Christmas Party: The Christmas Party at World Gospel Church was a fun and successful event. (2) Indiana QSO Party: The WVARA will not be a bonus station this year because there will be no club or station as a bonus station for the Indiana QSO Party in 2011. <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html> (3) Temporary appointments: Kevin nominated Chuck, W9COD, and Ted, K9SGL, as at-large members pending an election at the January meeting.

- Respectfully Submitted, John Van Sandt, N9YRX, Secretary

Dues are Due!

If you haven't yet, please do so soon! Jeff, AB9WR, our new secretary will be glad to accept them at Check-ur-Rig Night, or send the to the Club P.O. Box listed below! TNX.

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Sunday Night Net Manager: Kay Brentlinger, KWOLF

Netherlands Political Reorganization Results in Four New DXCC Entities

The Netherlands Antilles was an autonomous Caribbean country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, consisting of two groups of islands in the Lesser Antilles: Curacao and Bonaire; and Sint Eustatius, Saba, and Sint Maarten. Each group of islands constituted a separate DXCC entity: Sint Maarten, Sint Eustatius, & Saba, and Bonaire & Curacao.

The Netherlands Antilles was dissolved on 10 October 2010, resulting in two new autonomous countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Curacao and Sint Maarten. The other islands joined the Netherlands as "special municipalities". According to the DXCC rules, this meant that some changes to the DXCC entity list had to be made.

Effective at 0400 UTC on October 10, 2010, the two previous entities of "Sint Maarten, Sint Eustatius, & Saba", and "Bonaire & Curacao" were deleted and were replaced with four new entities: "Bonaire", "Curacao", "Sint Eustatius & Saba", and "Sint Maarten". The prefixes for the new entities are: PJ2 (Curacao), PJ4 (Bonaire), PJ5 & PJ6 (Sint Eustatius & Saba), and PJ7 (Sint Maarten).

The ARRL DXCC Desk will start accepting confirmations for the new entities on January 11, 2011.

As was expected, there was a real feeding frenzy on the bands when these changes went into effect as every DX'er in the world (myself included) tried to work all of the new entities on as many bands and modes as possible. A couple of amateurs from Indiana (Gary Stouder, K9SG, & Wayne McKenzie, K8LEE) were on Curacao operating the PJ2T contest station, handing out contacts from that "new" one. The weekend following the change was the CQ World-Wide DX SSB contest and the "PJs" were all greatly desired multipliers.

– 73, Ray Andrews, K9DUR



WINTER 2000-2001: What Can WE Do?

Ten years ago this month *The Bandspread* carried a story reminding us of the need for weather reports even in the dead of winter. Several recent December weekends have reminded us all how true that idea really is. With actual winter underway for less than one month at this time we should only expect winter lie for the next month or so, and we should get prepared for that month.

Several weeks ago I used the comment portion of several local VHF nets to suggest it was a good time to begin thinking about winter. The thought was to remind local hams that Skywarn will be operating this winter, and that we could all use the time to review our stations and other circumstances with an eye toward winter emergencies. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

What followed, however, was one of the worst winter weather weeks in recent memory, the effects of which continue as this is being written. With the thought in mind that such suggestions have apparently angered the gods of winter, and having learned nothing from that experience, some additional thought on the subject are called for.

Our actions in preparation for the coming (?) winter should be based on a common theme, and I suggest the following theme in two parts: "What do we have to offer...?" and, "How are we going to do that...?"

Our role is communications, of course, but for whom? Sitting in the warmth of our various stations and telling each other that it is snowing has limited value to the community. But, it does keep the frequency alive, and is a way to pass very long, boring hours that occur during and prior to winter storms. In that scenario, we must remember to keep comments short, leave a pause between conversations, and always be ready to relinquish the frequency on a moment's notice.

Our winter roles vary from our summer roles because there has been (at least so far) limited interaction with the National Weather Service. When we activate a tornado scenario in the summer, we are usually interacting directly with the weather service, and they use our input as an aid to warning the public. But not in the winter. So far this season, such interaction has yet to be seen.

{In winter,} the information that our net control stations have to offer is also more limited, and must often be obtained by collecting information from several sources. This data is then verified and reviewed and used to create the information that we provide to you.

How we will accomplish these tasks also deserves consideration. We all need to check the capabilities of our stations, both base and mobile.

At home, this review includes not only our battery and charging system, but other items such as rotators that freeze, stretches of coax that might collect ice and then break, a frozen lock on the car that contains our spare radio, battery operated lights, and the ability to heat coffee in the absence of electrical power.

For our mobile stations a similar review might include basic winter precautions such as a shovel and a gas gauge that is never allowed to fall below half. A blanket would also be welcomed if we would happen to slide off the road.

These reviews are based on common sense, and require no special skills or training. They must, however, be completed before they are needed.

The Skywarn system will continue to activate the "W" whenever there is a significant winter risk. There may or may not be a specific warning issued by the Weather Service, but our net control stations will use their own judgment to start and stop our alert.

So check your stations for winter operations, participate in the system, and remember, Winter 2000/2001 has just begun.

Dave Littlejohn, N9FMD

Illiana Skywarn ANCS



Kevin explains the statewide emergency Communications trunking system.

These little babies would be a nice addition to your station. Just a mere \$2,500

DO NOT TOUCH THAT LITTLE RED BUTTON ... or it had better be reeeeeeally important!



Who'd have ever guessed. Doug, N9JLR, with a halo! But Santa can't possibly be wrong.



How did HE ever get in here?



Everyone pretty much knows everyone else here so we'll just let the photos speak for themselves for the most part.



Jeff Mitchell, AB9WR, on the keyboard, Cheryl Ridge, vocalist and Steve Ridge, KC9RBU, percussion.

DIRTY GIFT EXCHANGE RULES

Participation is optional: To be in the game, you must bring a gift, wrapped and of approximately \$5 in value. You may pick a gift from under the tree or you may 'steal' someone else's. It may be 'stolen' twice. The third 'steal' freezes it and it cannot be stolen again.

Order of participation is determined by lottery. Here, Dave, N9YNF, cuts out the numbers.



Then each participant draws one from the basket.



However, *this* present was 'frozen' to begin with.



Theft of presents abounded as Steve, KC9RBU and Debbie, KC9AOR, made the rounds.



Steve, NT9T, and Jeff, AB9WR, open presents. Bette, KC9GWT, liked her lighted tree but it was short lived as Pat, KA9ALI, had eyes on it too.



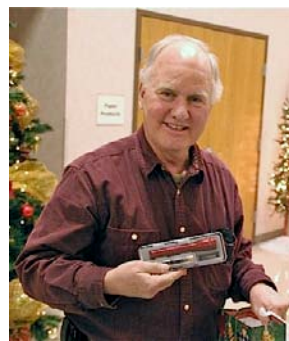
Last year, it was the teddy bears. This year it's the *strip-per!* No! Not Dave, the *TOOL!*



We don't remember if Ann got this first or last.



It's good to see Kay, KW0LF, is back home with the menagerie.



Ron, KC9EPZ seems to like his flashlight.



Very timely, Bette. Elizabeth Edwards' book.



Gwen plays Santa as John, N9YRX, chooses.



Hey Chuck, is that a meat thermometer?



Hey Ted, Diane needs a halo, not horns!

Attached are a couple of pictures taken at the Glas-Col Christmas dinner [December 16]. Our employees challenged management to take a pie in the face if they could raise 400 pounds of food for 14th and Chestnut food bank. We took the challenge and they raised over 800 pounds of items for the cause. So yours truly took a pie in the face. The winning employee coerced Debby into doing the deed. It was for a good cause and worth the "pie" for the good feeling of helping those in need.

- Thx. To Gary, W9EEU, for allowing us to share his 'moment'. -ed



WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2011

Please complete this form and include it with your dues. You may return this application in person or mail to:

WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 10081
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Dy/Yr) ____/____/____ Year first licensed _____ Year of last WVARA membership _____ New Member? ☐

ARES member? ☐ QCWA member? ☐ RACES member? ☐

This newsletter will come to you by e-mail in .pdf format unless you specifically request a paper copy below. We encourage you to choose the electronic version because: 1. It costs the Club less to produce and deliver it; and 2. In the electronic version, the pictures are in color and it arrives earlier! Of course, you can still make a paper copy of it on your printer, if you wish.

If you are applying for a family membership please list below the licensed family members [living at home] that you wish to include.

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class _____ ARRL MEMBER? ☐

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Please add \$5 per family member above to the Single rate below. To include ARRL membership, see a current QST for the amount.

Dues options: Single (\$20) Family (Single + \$5 per family member) Add ARRL membership?* Total pmt. \$ _____

Note: 1. Payments made Sept. - Dec. apply to membership for the following year; 2. ARRL also has a family membership program as well. See QST.

*Club gets a rebate from the ARRL!



The President's Corner

Well I hope that January, 2011, finds everyone doing well. I am looking forward to 2011 for the WVARA. We are poised to have another great year. We had some doors opened in 2010 that will lead to some great things happening this year.

One thing we need to continue to work on is Public Relations/Public Awareness of Amateur Radio, and what our contributions are to our communities. As we continue to look for a permanent facility for the WVARA, we need to make an effort to show what our capabilities are. We will be sponsoring some PR opportunities in addition to our traditional Field Day activity to raise awareness of Amateur Radio in our communities. John, N9YRX, has already taken the lead in this regard with the Communications Van, and participation in several area parades late last year. We want to add some operating events and public locations this year to continue to work on and expand this effort.

Our annual Hamfest will be here before we know it. Please plan to come out and participate in whatever capacity you feel comfortable with. There are plenty of tasks the day before and the day of the event, and if you can only come out and attend that would be great as well.

Please remember that we are accepting nominations for the annual Brentlinger award. The WVARA presents this award to a ham from the Wabash Valley to recognize a significant contribution to Amateur Radio. Nominees need not be WVARA members, and may be nominated for cumulative accomplishments. Nominations need to be in my hands by January 15th.

Well, that is all for now. Hope to see each of you at the January meeting for Check-Ur-Rig night.

Until then, 73.

Kevin, K9HX

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2011= year; NL= Newsletter only;
COMP= Complimentary Membership;
LIFE=Life Membership If there is no symbol showing on your mailing label, this is a one-time complimentary copy of The Bandspread. If so, we invite you to fill out the enclosed membership form to join the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.

WVARA VE TESTING

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

1st Sunday of even-numbered months; 1 P.M., Indiana time.
1715 S. 8th St., east of the main Glas-Col building. Use the front entrance to the building on 8th St.

For further info, contact:
Ray Andrews, K9DUR, (812) 535-3222

PARIS, ILLINOIS:

2nd Saturday of Jan., May, Jul., Sep., Nov; 8:30 A.M. Illinois time.
Burkybile Law Office
15175 U.S. Highway 150

For further info, contact:
Terry Hackett, KB9ZVA, (217) 465-4884
WALK-INS WELCOME!

JANUARY 8 PARIS
FEBRUARY 6 TERRE HAUTE

RYVES VE TESTING

2nd Thursday of every month, 7 P.M., Indiana time, at Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall.

For further info, contact: Jim Osburn, WD9EYB,
at 238-0584 or veteam@illianaradioclub.org

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